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Soviet Ambassador Menshikov called at his request on Secretary 6:30 today on instructions to give reply to Secretary's oral statement made to Soviet Charge August 11.

In reply Secretary said US prepared undertake business like constructive negotiations

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consider
Negotiations which might find solution present crisis; is prepared/~~in same~~ views of
all parties concerned. Experts discuss these problems with Gromyko in New York if
this acceptable to latter. However, did not wish discuss formulations of subjects
which might be subject conversations between himself and Gromyko. "Re Menshikov's
second point, Secretary said he simply wished to remind him US has received more
than one written communication from Soviet Government and has observed apparent
threats including some from East German regime against air corridors linking West
Berlin and West Germany. In short oral statement August 11, Secretary said, he was
underlining position by unilateral actions against Western rights and interests in
not only dangerous in themselves but impaired prospects negotiations. Secretary said
language Ambassador used does not impress US; it was not/~~the kind~~ which/~~questioned~~
of
him/~~pressures~~ against our rights of access to Berlin, nor the ~~the~~ which has taken
unilateral actions. Rather these have come from the other side. It is important it be
clearly understood
/that his oral statement of August 11, written communications and published statements
by President and others are serious statements and should be taken seriously.

Secretary said went on to illustrate kind of unhelpful incidents which could increase tensions and danger ^{by referring to} ~~by referring to~~ ~~by referring to~~ reports that certain civilian aircraft flying in corridor between West Germany and West Berlin were closely bussed by fighter aircraft from other side. We are trying get all facts of incident but understand aircraft flying under normal conditions in corridor and had usual clearances

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clearance from RASC. This type of human harassment ~~is~~ ^{and does} without any indication of purpose and attitude ought to be avoided at ~~all times~~ ^{all times}. Such incidents raised rather than solved problems ~~which~~ ^{which} both governments should seek to avoid at this time. Secretary concluded ~~that~~ ^{there} was possibility problem involved these incidents ~~by authorities~~ ^{by authorities} could be worked out ~~on spot~~.

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